

**Community Group Discussion Questions
Easter Sunday**

Talk to God.

Tell them: This week we looked at John 20:1-31. It was a different service for Easter as we went through the text with the *TEXTing the Text* method. Let's look back at this passage and see what we encounter about God and humanity in it. But before we do, let's pray and ask God to give us eyes to see and ears to hear:

Pray

Encounter.

Tell them: The next thing we do in the TEXTing method is to encounter humanity and God in His Word. So let's reread the passage: **John 20:1-31**. (Make notes of all of the things you learn about God and humanity. Building a table like the one below is helpful.)

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Tell them: Now let's look at all of the things we've learnt about God and humanity and apply it to our lives as we eXamine our hearts.

TO DO: Have your group look at the things they have learned as to ask themselves what God is trying to teach them through these things.

(If there is more time, below are the things that Pastor Michael taught from the passage)

Ask Them: *Is there any area in your life where you have to see it to believe it? In provision, in protection, in raising your children, in all of the promises of scripture?*

Tell them: God is omnipresent. That means He is always present and sees everything. Sometimes we deceive ourselves into thinking that we can hide things from God.

Ask them: *What area of your life is behind a locked door and away from Jesus?*

Tell them: Pastor Michael pointed out that a lot of times we won't make a move or do something until we get a sign. In other words, are you content with the information God has given you that doesn't remove all of your doubts but allows your faith to thrive.

Ask them: *Are you content with the information that God has given you or have you ever required a sign? (Like the man stuck in his house in a storm)*

Ask them: *How do you act in faith when you don't have the evidence that faith is certain?*

Tell them: God uses unreliable sources, weak people, the uneducated, to call people to Him.

Ask them: *Are you ready to run to Jesus?*

Tell them: This passage revealed to us that Jesus is our peace. He offers us peace. God uses storms, pandemics and crisis to get our attention and to bring Himself glory by drawing us to Him.

Ask them: *Are you ready to be at peace with your life? What things are you unwilling to give up fretting over?*

Tell them: Jesus said in verse 23 that peace does not come without forgiveness. We will never feel at peace until we forgive. Matthew 6:14–15 says, *“For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive you your sins.”*

Ask them: *Do you struggle with unforgiveness either of yourself or others? Jesus came to take away all of that unforgiveness and guilt. Are you willing to lay it at the cross? Or is the cross insufficient for you? (2 Corinthians 5:17 - “So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away—look, what is new has come!”)*

Talk to Others

Tell them: The final piece to the TEXTing the Text method is to talk to others. **Ask them:** Is there something you have learnt today that you think someone you know would be blessed to learn as well?